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There is just one wise course for the colored voters of Oklahoma to pursue.

Have you commenced your spring renovation? Now is a good time to begin.

The most valuable man to any community is the man who is really doing most for the community.

It is certainly a pitiful sight to see an old delapidated back number trying to hold a place in the front ranks.

It's a heard proposition to make an honest man out of a confirmed crook and grafter, who has had world-wide experience in the game.

Why don't the churches of Tulsa inaugurate a go-to-church day, and make the occasion a great spiritual and moral benediction to all? We believe such a movement with the right kind of incentive, backed up by the ministers and church members will be productive of great good and large results. Let the ministers speak out. Shall we have a go-to-church day or not?

In the jail delivery at the state prison this week three convicts and four pursuers were slain, and three others injured. Through a ruse three convicts gained entrance to the front office, and having obtained in some way a revolver, demanded the keys from the turnkey, who grappled with them to gain time, the turnkey was wounded in the struggle, and obtaining the keys they took to flight, but were pursued with the result as stated.

The Negro race is a great race. It has made phenomenal progress in the past forty years. It is still making progress. But are you satisfied with your past and present successes? Is our condition so perfect that no improvement is needed or possible? Do the rising young Negroes envisage come up fully to your hopes, and will they be able to meet the exigencies of the coming years sufficiently to hold the ground already obtained by their forefathers? Who will answer?

Every colored home should have one or more colored newspapers in it. Through such papers only will you get the bright side of Negro life, hope and inspiration. The white man's paper will not sing your virtues and noble deeds. Hence it is wisdom's way for every negro to subscribe for a paper published for and by Negroes. Now is the time for negroes to act wise and get together along racial lines. Dear reader will you help along race lines?

—Saturday Evening Tribune.

Well said, Brother Russell.

The editor spent a day or two at Okmulgee this week and was delightfully surprised to find the colored people there of such progressive and thrifty spirit. Okmulgee is without doubt a close rival of Tulsa as a growing oil center and in many ways holds advantage of our city so far as the colored side of the question is concerned. There is considerable building going on there. Brick business buildings, hotel and dwelling houses are going up daily and by the way, most of them belong to colored men. The colored school there, presided over by Prof. Hart, is a credit to the town and a pride of the citizens there.

Okmulgee indeed seems to be the cream city—except Tulsa, of the state.

The lamentable fire of last Wednesday night should serve as a timely warning to all citizens. First, all families should see to it that their gas stoves and burners, the pipe connections and fixtures are kept in the best condition. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, is a maxim worth observing. All inflammable material should be kept far away from fire. Carelessness is more times the cause of fires than anything else. The wonder is that Tulsa has escaped with so few fires, when we think of the absolute careless and indifferent uses made of gas and gasoline. When you build see to it that your house is fire proof as far as your means will allow. Unless this precaution is heeded the citizens will wake up one of these morning to find a widespread devastation by fire. Take our advice in time.

Now comes the depressing news from the city where it was supposed that the Negro enjoyed the highest privileges of civic liberty and protection—Chicago—that he has been or is to be Jim-Crowed at a popular burying ground, Oakwood Cemetery. The president of the cemetery in a letter to Dr. Jones (white) pastor of All Souls' Church, who is also head of Lincoln Center, a charitable organization, says: "Chapel, vaults and crematory are for the exclusive use of people of the Caucasian race." In a scorching reply to the president, we clip this paragraph from Dr. Jones' letter: "Heaven save the mark! Can class prejudice and racial deceit go farther? Pray, how deep underground does the color line reach? Is it to be presumed that St. Peter has also provided for the convenience of the 'Caucasians' a rear gate entrance into Kingdom Come for the benefit of colored people?"

Hon. Corvine Patterson, one of the most prominent Negroes of Kansas, a pioneer and pathfinder of the early history of that state, and particularly so of Kansas City, Kan., committed suicide by a pistol shot on the 10th inst. The cause of this rash act is said to be due from preying over the untimely death of his favorite son, which occurred a year ago, and who was thought by many to have been murdered. Mr. Patterson was a man noted for his courtesy and kindness and the loyal and faithful service he gave in behalf of his race. He was a successful politician and held

commissioner and a member of the board of education. He was also for many years a trustee of Western University at Quindaro, and instrumental in founding that institution. Mr. Patterson was a strong personality, a church man of strong tendencies, and a lodge man of popular standing. His loss is a severe blow to the community in which he lived, and "Pat" will be a missing link that can never be replaced. His funeral obsequies were attended by 4000 friends and admirers; the ceremonies most impressive and lasting over five hours. Truly a good loyal and faithful race man has gone to his

News Around Town

J. S. KIRBY, City Circulator
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This is ideal weather and we all appreciate it very much.

Mrs. Gertrude Tyler, of Waco, Tex., is visiting her father Mr. J. Porter.

Mr. James Hampton, a prominent citizen of Boley was in the city last week on business.

Mrs. James Portland, lately of Bartlesville, has taken up her residence in Tulsa.

Mrs. Lizzie Allen, of Muskogee, is visiting Mrs. Dora Kirby of 215 E. Cameron.

Mrs. Geo. Cherry of Okmulgee left for home Sunday after a week's visit with relatives in this city.

Miss Daisy Holman is said to be wearing her heart on the outside of her coat, looking for some one to whom she might present it.

Mrs. Ada B. Huff, proprietor of the Huff Board and Rooming house, is daily growing in popular favor with the public. Truly "the nearest way to a man's heart is via his stomach."

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stradford of this city, returned Monday night from Independence, Kansas, where they went to attend the wedding of Mr. Stradford's brother, B. M. Stradford, Jan. 15th.

Rev. Johnson, a visiting minister, preached all day Sunday for Dr. White, who has been indisposed with a severe cold. It is to be hoped that Dr. White will soon recover his health.

Mrs. Mary Tyner, of Verdigris, Okla., has purchased an elegant house on North Elgin the cost being \$1200. She is the daughter of Mr. J. S. Kirby city circulator for the Star.

It is quite impossible for our reporter to get a line on all the happenings and doings of our people in Tulsa, and we request of one and all to send us any item of news in your neighborhood or locality.

The Home Mission Circle, led by Deacon Watson, at the First Baptist church on last Tuesday afternoon was indeed a very interesting meeting. His instruction on the Bible were profitable and enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. T. D. Jackson, 313 N. Elgin who has been dangerously ill for several weeks is said to be resting some better today. Her conditions, however, is still precarious. Her son Dr. Jackson is the only physician treating her at this time and his wife is a constant attendant at her mother-in-law's bedside, having given up her school to be with her. Capt. Jackson the faithful husband of the sick woman is

We invite the citizens of Tulsa to visit the STAR office and inspect our working force. Our aim is to make this paper the people's paper, and will appreciate any suggestions that will help to make it more so. We also solicit your subscription and guarantee to give satisfaction both in price and quality of service. Drop in and see us.

Rev. H. T. S. Johnson, of Muskogee, presiding elder of the district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was in the city this week holding quarterly meeting services. Before leaving the city he paid his respects to the Star office. Rev. Johnson is one of the leading divines of his church and is leading his forces to success both in financially and religiously.

The Elite Lodge, No. 163, a new lodge of K. P. in this city met at the Cleaver-Cherry Hall Monday night and installed the following officers: elected Chancellor Commander, Rev. J. F. Kerch; Vice Chancellor Commander, E. C. Smith; Keeper of Records and Seal, Dan Collins; Master of W. D. S. Rev. L. K. White; Master of Finance, A. J. Smitherman; Master of Eschequer, L. Hollingsworth; Prelate, Mack Tomlin. The new lodge will meet the 1st and 3rd of each month.

The young men's Christian Association held a very interesting session last Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church, the newly elected officers were installed and a song and praise service was engaged in for a short while. Appropriate talks and encouraging remarks were made by Dr. Kersh, W. C. Henry, Prof. H. H. H. R. Graham and other. The association will hold regular meetings every Sunday afternoon to which all young men are especially invited. This is a good place, young men to spend a profitable Sunday hour.

The following named people subscribed for the STAR this week. Miss Alice Hayes, Mrs. Hettie St. Clair, Miss Hydia Ish, Mrs. Anna Morrison, Mrs. L. H. Holderness, Mrs. James Portland, Miss Ethel Richmond, Mrs. Maggie Reed, Mrs. Mattie Dillard, Mrs. Sarah Douglas, Lon Flippens, Miss Carrie Hendrix, Miss Mabel Adams.

All of Tulsa.
Mrs. Eliza Lancaster, Mrs. E. S. Lee Bond and Mrs. J. H. Montgomery.

All of Independence, Kansas.
This is evidence that the STAR is growing in public favor both at home and abroad. We will publish a new list of subscribers every week hereafter. Just watch us grow.

The Peoples Theatre under the supervision of Mrs. Rogers is bidding well to overcome the ill fated reputation of staging indecent Vaudeville acts and songs for which it has been criticized recently. Mrs. Rogers is bitterly opposed to anything suggestive or indecent and says she will positively not allow it in the future. She said she fixed a female character last week for staging an indecent song or act, which she said would not have happened had she known of it in time. The actress

told that such vaudeville was common everywhere. However, she wants it distinctly understood to all she will be mistress of the situation and not allow the staging of anything dangerous to public morals.

CLUB NOTES

The Tulsa East Side Culture Club met last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. Beulah Netherland as hostess, and Mrs. M. M. Guess, Leader. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Guess's mother she could not be present, and the president, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, told of the many good things she learned at the white Federation of Women's Club which was in session here a few days ago. The Club is steadily growing and the meetings are well attended. The members are very much enthused over the Progress of the club. Mrs. W. D. Woods will be business next Thursday afternoon Jan. 22nd at Mrs. Birdie L. Lynch leader, will demonstrate the indigenous cold meats. Mrs. Clara B. Loupe, Reporter.

M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

The 4th and best quarterly conference of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church was held last Sunday, the District superintendent, Rev. H. T. S. Johnson, officiating. The entire day's service proved to be a most refreshing shower and the church was spiritually revived. The business session was held Monday night, conducted by the D. S. The reports of the class leaders showed a decided growth financially, and that the church was in better condition than ever before, with improvements along all lines. The D. S. said Wesley was in the lead. Tuesday night a reception to all the ministers was given by Rev. T. J. Jones, at his church in honor of the D. S. A grand time was had. The topic for discussion was: "How to Better Interest the Public in Church Work." Rev. Woods was the first speaker, and showed many interesting points. Rev. H. G. Griffin followed and spoke without fear or favor as to how it should be done. Rev. Dearman was the light-house for the honored guests. His address was grand. The D. S. closed the subject with many striking points. He said among other things that if Christians would stop getting in the sinners' way and be more loyal to the Lord and church the public could be more easily won over to the cause of Christ.

The reception was well attended, and highly enjoyed by all. Rev. Mr. Brown could not be present, but sent his regrets, which were accepted.

THE STORM OF SAND SPRINGS.

Sand Springs, Okla., Jan. 22, 1914.

To the Tulsa Star:—

Mr. Editor: Please allow space in your paper that the public may know what happened in Sand Springs.

After ten days series of meetings conducted by the great evangelist, Rev. H. M. McMillon, in which 12 souls were added to the fold of Christ, a great storm occurred, led by Rev. McMillon.

The names that gave the storm are as follows:

Rev. H. M. McMillon, pumpkin; Bro. E. P. Pruett, corn; Sister L. Tutt, corn, peaches and soap; Sister Whitaker, corn; Brother L. Lott, baking powder; Sister E. P. Pruett, socks; Brother F. Jones, potatoes; Brother H. Cato, corn; Deacon Jones, crackers, hardines and cigars Brother Tedwell, money; Brother Kilpatrick, money; Brother J. W. Bryant, corn.

All this was donated to the pastor and wife, Rev. A. Alexander. The gifts were highly appreciated by both. — I. D. A.

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